

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 3, insert the following heading:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, on line 6, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, on line 31, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 2, on line 9, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 3, on line 31, insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

Page 4, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

--In a preferred embodiment of the invention (see Figs. 1, 4 and 5) the pivot connection is made by at least two aligned hinge plate devices or hinge devices 6 which allow, in addition to the pivoting movement, limited relative displacement by translation between the profiled element 1 and the wall 3 of the vat in a longitudinal direction parallel with the axis of pivoting.--

Page 8, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

--The latching means 19 may comprise a bayonet-type latching/unlatching mechanism (Figs. 10 and 11) associated with a handling member (for example a ring for gripping). Alternatively

it may comprise a rotary key with a handle (Fig. 12) which can be moved into a locked position corresponding to retraction of the pin 18 against the action of the resilient compression spring
[[19'']] 19'.--